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The Honorable Claudia Balducci
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

Pursuant to Motion 15977, the Permitting Division of the Department of Local Services was to evaluate possible changes to the Home Occupation and Home Industry regulations (KCC 21.A) to reflect COVID-19 work from home conditions. Code Enforcement observations from the beginning of King County's mandatory work-from-home order to present, did not show any complaints received related to property owners working from home due to the pandemic. Complaints received on home occupation/industry businesses were normal and no increase in frequency or volume were observed. These complaints were typically related to traffic and noise, specific to individual businesses we received pre-pandemic and would expect to receive post-pandemic.

Considering these observations, Permitting Division does not recommend any changes to the Home Occupation/Industry regulations due to COVID-19 work from home conditions.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jim Chan at (206) 477-0385 or jim.chan@kingcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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